





**MARRIAGE.**  
On the 4th inst. at St. Andrew's English Presbyterian Church, Birkenhead, by the Rev. John Fairbairn, of Greenlaw, Birkenhead, father of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. John Macleod, D.D., Birkenhead, four partners, Mr. James Taylor, Birkenhead, son of James Taylor, Birkenhead.

The Editors of the Daily Press from this office announced on Tuesday morning at 10.15, and the last messenger left this office at 10.35.

## The Daily Press

HONGKONG, AUGUST 23rd, 1871.

The present mail brings out a Blue Book of nearly five hundred pages, containing a large number of most important documents relating to the China question. They range in date from as far back as 1867, and among them are many papers such as the memorials from the Chambers of Commerce which are already as familiar to residents in China as household words. The length of time which these documents have been kept back for the Government to place the public at home in possession of the true facts of the case has been an obvious attempt to hush the whole matter up, and it will be strange if the public at home do not perfectly ascend to the revelation which the Government has at last been forced to make of the little pains which, notwithstanding repeated applications in Parliament, they have taken to keep the mercantile classes properly informed as to merits of the question. The present Blue Book must come upon the Home public in somewhat the same way as the translation of the Bible came upon the English people at the time of the Reformation, that is, as forcibly put by HAZLITT, it will doubtless elicit that peculiar interest which a jury always attaches to a document which has been dishonestly held back. It can only be hoped that the interest thus evoked will be sufficient to cause the question to be treated thoroughly and searchingly investigated. In another column we give the reply which Mr. Consul WINCHESTER made when forwarding the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce memorial to Sir BRIDGES ADAMS for transmission to the Home Government. The document is now almost historical in view of its antiquity, but will doubtless be read with much interest as it sets forth the arguments which were from the first used to upset the representations made by the mercantile communities, and will account at all events in some measure for the memorials having had less effect than it was reasonable to expect they would have.

It might be thought at the present time when the effects of mismanaging the Police Force and the interpreting arrangements in the Colony had become so painfully apparent, that some little care would be manifested as to what appointments are made to vacant posts. The statement, therefore, that it is under contemplation to take away Mr. WOODHOUSE, who gave promise of becoming an efficient and useful interpreter in the Courts and for other purposes, from his present position, and place him in that of Deputy Superintendent of Police, seems hardly credible; but there is no doubt that this is under contemplation. Now, does Mr. WOODHOUSE look like a policeman? Has he not very much more the quiet and retiring demeanor of the scholar, than the decision, energy and smartness which are essential for the theoretical and very practical duties of keeping down crime and catching criminals? Has Mr. WOODHOUSE the slightest conception of the duties of a Deputy Superintendent of Police? Can he wear a sword? Has he been drilled? Can he return a salute? Can he ride a horse; and, above all, is he up to tiger hunting? Mr. CHAN was thoroughly acquainted in all these essentials, and yet an ungrateful public were disposed to cavil at his holding the post, because, forsooth, he had had no training in police matters. In this last trifling essential Mr. WOODHOUSE stands in precisely the same category, and we can only imagine that this is the chief reason why the Government have selected him. But we forget. He knows Chinese; that is, he knows something of it, and this is naturally a reason why he should be taken away from his post of interpreter and placed on the staff of the Police. Captain DEAN forms an admirable precedent. He was appointed for precisely this reason, and his knowledge of the language proves to be so very valuable that it is now absolutely necessary to appoint a special interpreter to the Force.

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**COURT OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION.**  
BEFORE THE HON. J. H. HALL.  
LAW MOORE v. YONG HO. \$12.00.  
The plaintiff in this case did not appear, and the case was dismissed.

**THOMAS MCKENNA v. J. MARZOS.** Claim for costs of a proceeding by plaintiff as bailiff of the Court at the instance of defendant. Judgment.

**BURROWS AND ANDREW T. LUDEN.** \$500.00. Mr. Burrows appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant did not appear. It was stated that the latter is Captain of the *SS. Thompson*, and that the plaintiff was a seaman on board of the same. The case was dismissed.

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